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The promptness with which the president has proceeded to raise the blockade in the Philippines from the ports where the hemp needed to lower the price of binder twine to the farmers for next season's wheat crop is evidence that the republican party has no disposition to tolerate the existence of any monopoly in this country which can be prevented by any act of the administration in power.

The chief of the Internal Revenue Bureau has made a most peculiar decision that is of interest to physicians. He holds that a physician prescribing for his patients whiskey, brandy, wine or any alcoholic liquor that is not compounded into medicine by the admixture of a drug or some medicinal ingredient, must pay a special tax as a retail liquor dealer, notwithstanding the liquor may be prescribed for a medicine and only used as such. Of course, unreliable physicians might prescribe alcoholic liquors without their being really needed as a medicine, but it does seem strange to require physicians who do prescribe alcoholic liquors purely for medical purposes to take out a retail liquor license. It appears to be carrying the point to an absurdity. However, it is to be said that the Internal Revenue Bureau is compelled to make a strict construction of the revenue laws, and that the remedy is in the courts of congress.

There comes from Pretoria, the Boer capital, information of lively and unpleasant interest to Americans, since it affects fellow countrymen and seems to point to a condition of things decidedly wrong. It will be remembered that a correspondent named Lynch was taken prisoner by the Boers some little time ago, but released, as he was a non-combatant. Mr. Lynch was confined in Pretoria for a while, and he confirms the statement that a number of Americans are in prison there. They have written repeatedly to the United States consul, they declare, but have not received the slightest notice. It would be interesting to know whether this is due to the negligence of that official or to the fact that the letters of the imprisoned men have been intercepted by their jailors. Either horn of the dilemma is an unpleasant one for the prisoners, and it would be well that the matter be investigated with

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promptness. If these men are unjustly held, or held on just charges without trial, it is our government's right to know it, and its duty to rectify whatever wrong has been attempted. If their condition is due to the negligence of an official of the government, that fact should be brought out and the official called to account, and removed if found to be at fault.

Finding it entirely impossible to write either upon the financial or upon the expansion issue, the democrats are preparing for a campaign of mud-slinging. It is an old trick but there is no evidence that it will be found in the least profitable to the disorganized democracy. The attack upon Secretary Gage began the mud-slinging campaign. Congressman Sulzer of New York, and Lentz of Ohio, inaugurated that in the house. They demanded information with the idea that the republicans would oppose it, so that they could say that the administration was afraid to allow resolutions of inquiry to be passed. The answer came quickly, and by a unanimous vote both houses called upon Secretary Gage for information concerning banking operations which he was anxious to give. Then the same Lentz, who turned into a silver democrat with remarkable rapidity after having been a gold champion, and who has been making himself ridiculous by constantly seeking notoriety of some kind, was insistent that the question of the appointment of polygamists to office in Utah should be investigated by a special committee. He thought the republicans would not dare to have an investigation made. His resolution for it was at once reported back to the house and amended so that the investigation should be made by the committee on postoffices and post roads, because the two cases where it was claimed polygamists had been appointed by the president were those of postmasters. This also eliminated the pestiferous Lentz as a party to the investigation, as he is not on the committee on postoffices and post roads. The house surprised the democratic minority by passing the resolution as amended without division. President McKinley is said to have expressed a wish that his appointments in Utah might be investigated with the least possible delay. He is not afraid for the searchlight to be turned on them. He rather hankers after the investigation. If the two appointees in question turn out to be polygamists, it is more than probable they were appointed on recommendation of and to accommodate some democrat. It will be found by the democratic mud-slingers that they will meet with equal promptness in every attack they care to make under the policy they have adopted.

NOTICE:

Notice is hereby given that all of the assets of the Astoria Football and Athletic Club have been transferred to the undersigned as trustee for the benefit of all of the creditors of said club, and that all claims against the said club should be presented to the undersigned within 30 days from this date.

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